Compulsory Printing of Price on Cloth

6949. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory to print the price per metre of the cloth on all clothes manufactured by the textile mills in the country;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to make the printing of price compulsory to avoid cheating?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). According to the earlier Regulation of 1987 the manufactures were required to mark the retail price also. Subsequently a Committee including representatives of consumer forum, was set up to go into the regulations and after considering these recommendations of the Committee the existing notification of 1988 was issued. Under this notification it is not mandatory to print the price of cloth. The proposal is being re-examined.

Trade Agreement with China

6950. SHR C. SREENIVAASAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a bilateral trade agreement between India and China has been singed recent;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the items proposed to be exported to and imported from China under the agreement?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Following areas of economic cooperation were identified in the agreed minutes of 3rd meeting of India–China Joint Group on Economic relations, trade, science and technology held on 13th December, 1991.

(i) To explore the possibilities for establishment of joint ventures.

(ii) To explore possibility of bilateral cooperation in iron ore mining, railway sector, communication, aviation, water conservancy, construction, iron and steel processing.

(iii) To participate in tenders for projects to be financed by World Bank, ADB or other international financial institutions, in either country.

(iv) To explore the possibility of jointly participating in third country projects.

(v) To explore the possibility of export of consultarcy services from India.

(vi) The items of export and import interest for either country were identified and included in the trade protocol for the calender year 1992.

(vii) A memorandum for resumption of border trade with China was also signed on 13.12.91.

(c) The following indicative list of items to be exported to and imported from China for calender year 1992 was finalised during 3rd meeting of India–China Joint Group.

Items to be exported from India

Iron Ore including concentrates, Chrome Ore, Tobacco, Shellac, Tea, Coffee beans,